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Artist Robin Bright to Discuss Work at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library

SAN DIEGO – Local artist Robin Bright, one of the San Diego County's most respected and important artists, will discuss his work on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. in the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. The artist's talk, offered free of charge to the general public, is being given in conjunction with his current exhibition "Robin Bright: Recent Works," on view in the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library gallery through Dec. 4. In addition, audience members will have an opportunity to ask the artist questions and to get a first look at several new works that were completed after the exhibition opened last month.

Bright, who has been part of the city's art scene for more than three decades, is best known for impeccably crafted and intimately scaled works that meld aspects of both painting and sculpture. The library exhibition consists of recently created mixed-media pieces from two distinctly different series: the elegant and monochromatic "Hector Vex" series (ongoing since the 1960s and grounded in Minimalism) and the more recent and comparatively baroque "Small Towns" series. The intricate and kaleidoscopic abstractions of the latter, which derives its inspiration from sources like Persian rugs and wrought iron patterns, is Bright's most colorful work to date. This exuberance will likely come as a surprise to those who identify the artist with the spare aesthetics and subtle sophistication of the "Hector Vex" pieces. In both series, however, the beauty is in the details and, although certain aspects of his technical process are governed by chance, few artists agonize more than Bright over the nuances of patina, the interplay of materials, or the intricacies of form.

The artist, who was born in New York City in 1934 and received his art education in New Mexico and Europe, is a thinking man with a world-class background who describes himself as "utterly visual," a reference to what he characterizes as the humorless, theory-driven art espoused by university academics. True to his vision, he offers viewers from all backgrounds a rich experience.

Bright's works are in a number of important public and private collections, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego; Santa Fe Museum of Art, Santa Fe, N.M.; the Johnson & Johnson Corporate Collection, New Brunswick, N.J.; the Mason Phelps Collection; and others.

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The Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, which houses the flagship gallery for the San Diego Public Library system, is located at 4275 Cass St. Library hours are: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery is also open by appointment with the library curator. The exhibition is open to the public free of charge. For more information, the public can call the library at 858-581-9934 or the library curator at 619-238-6627.

The San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program is a nationally recognized series of exhibitions, lectures, a television program, and other art-related activities. The mission of the program is to demonstrate the library's role as a cultural institution embracing a broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older professional artists in achieving wider local, regional, and national attention. Visual Arts Program exhibitions are made possible, in part, by gifts from the Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker Foundation and CompUSA, contributions from individuals, volunteer efforts, and the Friends of Central Library. For more information, please contact Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Several high resolution digital color images of Bright's works, and an excellent photograph of the artist himself, are available on request. For details, please contact Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo at 619-238-6627.